parties who made the complaint could not prove it. But steps have been taken to see that the contractor does not give room for complaints.

(4) The complaint against the lessee of the Arur market was enquired into by the Tahsildar, Shertallai. He made surprise visits to the market and conducted personal enquiries and found that the petition was the outcome of spite between persons figuring as opposite parties in criminal cases and that the allegations were false.

Contribution from the duty on petrol.

183. **MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount received by them as their share of the duty on petrol from the Government of India; and

(*b*) the approximate annual consumption of petrol in Travancore?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Bh. Rs. 2,72,000.

(*b*) The average for the past five years is 1,472,172 gallons.

Construction of the Tikkanankod kal from the Tiruvitankod channel.

184. **MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether they have sanctioned an estimate for the construction of the Tikkanankod *kal* from the Tiruvitankod channel (near Amaravati);

(*b*) if so, whether the work has been provided for in the P. W. D. budget since the date of sanction of the estimate;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the reasons for the delay in starting the work;

(*d*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, the reasons for not providing for the work in the Budget and

(*e*) in view to the benefits that will accrue to the public of the villages concerned, whether they propose to provide for the work in the Budget for 1108?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) and (*c*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*d*) The proposal for the work has not reached the stage at which it could be provided for in the Budget.

(*e*) The work can be considered only after the present conversions under the Kodayar Project have fully developed.

MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): പാർട്ട് (ഡി)യിൽ The proposal for the work has not reached the stage at which it could be provided for in the Budget. എന്നു പറഞ്ഞു കാണുന്നു. ഈ പ്രൊപ്പോസൽ ഏതു സ്റ്റേജിലാണ് ഇപ്പോഴിരിക്കുന്നതു?

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